Statement on Accreditation Actions Regarding the University of North Texas at Dallas College of Law

At its October 20-22, 2016, meeting, the Council of the ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar considered the law school's application for provisional ABA approval in light of the report and recommendations adopted by its Accreditation Committee at its meeting in June 2016. In addition to the Committee’s Report and Recommendation, the Council conducted at its October meeting a hearing attended by law school representatives and considered their testimony and other provided materials.

In light of the law school’s appearance and the new evidence offered, the Council adopted a motion that remanded the matter to the Accreditation Committee for further consideration in accordance with the provisions of Rule 25(b)(4), and directed a fact finder, in accordance with Rule 9, to visit the law school to review and verify the new evidence, in particular, the reliable plan submitted by the school. The fact finder shall submit a report to the Accreditation Committee. The Council directed that the fact finder and the Accreditation Committee particularly focus their attention on all matters related to admissions and finances (Standards 501(a), (b), and (c); Standard 202(a) and the reliable plan related to these matters.

The application for provisional ABA approval is therefore continued and remanded to the Accreditation Committee for further review and action. The law school was informed of this decision on November 14, 2016.

While there is no specific timeline in place for further steps that must be taken, the Managing Director’s Office expects that the fact finding will take place early in the spring semester of 2017. The particular dates and documents related to this process are confidential, pursuant to Rule of Procedure 53.

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